SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

April 27, 1999


EXCUSED: D. James

NUMEROUS VISITORS INCLUDED: P. Monteleone (Dean, School of Medicine), D. Crossley, J. Romeis, M. Ernst, L. Salinas, W. Perman, S. Nouri, A. Book, I. Schulze, J. Hodes (SGA President), C. Wellenkamp (SGA member). A. Malone (SGA member)

President Lyn Amine called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the October 27, 1998, February 23, 1999 and March 30, 1999 Faculty Senate Meetings were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Executive Secretary: Miriam Joseph (Libraries) had been placed on the ballot by the Executive Committee. No additional nominations came from the floor and she was elected by acclamation.

Executive Committee: Three candidates had been placed on the ballot by the Executive Committee: Thomas Dahms (Medicine), Andrew Lonigro (Medicine), and Fredric Wolinsky (Public Health). No additional nominations came from the floor. A. Lonigro and F. Wolinsky were elected.

President Amine gave a brief "End of Office" report, reviewing the goals she had set for her presidency and publicly thanking individuals for their service to the Senate. She then passed the gavel to John Slosar who will serve as President of the Faculty Senate for the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 academic years. John Slosar presided over the remainder of the meeting. John offered outgoing President Lyn Amine a picture of Saint Louis University in recognition of her service as President of the Faculty Senate.

A motion to allow non-voting visitors to contribute to all subsequent discussion was passed.

A motion to allow all speaking turns by individuals to be limited to three minutes was passed.

INVITED SPEAKER: Joe Hodes (SGA President) explained and answered questions concerning the SGA's alternate parking proposal. Copies of the plan were distributed.

Two motions from the Executive Committee were presented for consideration by the Senate.
MOTION NO. 1

Executive Committee Resolution Addressed to Fr. Biondi Regarding the Leadership and Governance of Saint Louis University

Whereas, Fr. Biondi has established the immediate goal to advance Saint Louis University to the 'next level' on the way to being the best Catholic university in the United States;

Whereas, Fr. Biondi's administrative and leadership style has failed to engender a sense of ownership and pride in the University on the part of faculty, students, and staff; and

Whereas, Saint Louis University will not be able to advance to the next level without the wholehearted commitment and participation of the faculty, students, and staff;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of Saint Louis University calls upon Fr. Biondi

1.) to recognize the rights of faculty, students, and staff to fully participate in the governance of the university at all levels;

2.) to establish the structures and processes necessary for the full participation of the faculty, students, and staff in the governance of the University;

3.) to act in good faith to make such participation operational, visible, and meaningful;

4.) to treat each and every member of the university community with respect and dignity and

5.) to provide leadership in promoting personal, spiritual, and professional healing and renewal throughout the university community.

During discussion, an amendment to change the second statement by replacing the words "Biondi's administrative and leadership style has failed" with the words "Biondi should be encouraged" was proposed and seconded. After discussion, the amendment passed by a vote of 21 Yes; 13 No.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to remove the second statement beginning with "whereas" and the parts labeled 4.) and 5.). This amendment failed by a vote of 15 Yes; 19 No.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to remove the words "to act in good faith" from the part labeled 3.). It passed by a vote of 24 Yes; 10 No.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to completely eliminate the statement labeled 4.). After discussion, the amendment passed by a vote of 15 Yes; 13 No.
The motion now reads:

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The amended motion PASSED by a vote of 22 Yes; 5 No.

**MOTION NO. 2**

**Executive Committee Resolution Regarding the Endorsement of the April 6 Memorandum of Understanding on Governance and Parking Issues**

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate acknowledges the receipt of Fr. Biondi's message to the university community dated April 26,1999 and recognizes that this document represents an important step in addressing the concerns of the faculty regarding governance and parking issues.

Moved: That the Faculty Senate endorse the April 6 Memo of Understanding on Governance and Parking Issues with the following added provisions:

1.) That the Administration will specify the operating procedures and functions of the Budget Advisory Committee and appoint the committee by June 1, 1999. The Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, and the Staff Advisory Committee shall name their respective representatives to the BAC;
2.) That the Administration in cooperation with representatives of the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, and Staff Advisory Committee will establish a task force to review the decision making structures of the university in order to identify the governing bodies (committees, councils, task forces, etc.) that require faculty, student, and staff representatives in order to improve shared governance. The task force shall be in place by September 1, 1999 and shall be expected to submit its report by December 1, 1999;

3.) That Fr. Biondi make a good faith effort to convince the Board of Trustees to admit student and staff representatives to membership on the Board committees as is now held by faculty representatives and to permit faculty, student, and staff representatives to observe at the Board of Trustees' meetings;

4.) That a schedule be publicized for Town Hall Meetings to be held by the Department of Public Safety on the Frost and Health Science Center campuses in order to assess the safety concerns of faculty, students, and staff in relation to parking. Staff shall be allowed release time in order to participate in the meetings. The meetings shall take place prior to July 1, 1999;

5.) That provisions be made to alleviate the burden of any increased parking fees for the lowest paid university employees. Such relief should be contingent solely on the employee's university salary and participation in the parking program and should not be contingent upon the receipt or non-receipt of other university fringe benefits. It should be given on a permanent on-going basis;

6.) That the Parking Advisory Committee be charged with conducting an annual review of the parking plan for the purpose of reducing parking fees and increasing flexibility;

7.) That the Parking Advisory Committee be charged with developing provisions which will allow maximum flexibility in parking for faculty and staff on both an intra- and inter-campus basis;

8.) That the alternative parking plan devised by the Student Government Association be given serious consideration by the administration and that budgetary adjustments necessary to implement the plan be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to replace the word "serious" in the part beginning with 8.) with the word "due". The amendment failed by a vote of 12 Yes; 13 No.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to add a ninth part to read:

"9.) That the Administration keep open the current parking lottery for five working days following the meeting of the PCC on May 4, 1999." After discussion, this amendment passed by a vote of 24 Yes; 0 No.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to remove everything after the word "Issues" in the paragraph beginning with "Moved". After discussion, it failed by a vote of 5 Yes; 22 No.
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The motion PASSED by a vote of 24 Yes; 3 No.

Soraya Nouri Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Student Development gave an end of year report on the activities of the committee including its recommendations. These recommendations will be considered by the senate in Fall, 1999.

John Slosar presented some remarks as incoming President of the Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.